

say thro the columns of the EVANGELIST, that for the benefit of other societies, and also in behalf of his own interest, Mr. Myers makes a liberal offer to all who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to increase their local funds. The details of this offer Brother Lyon will give next week.

Since one of the objects of the S. S. C. E. is to put forth an effort to raise money for churches, missions, etc., any society that fails to do this is a reproach to the name, *endeavor*. The reason some of us become discouraged in this work, is because we stop right here and see nothing more in our object than to raise funds for church purposes while we should be looking beyond into the Master's vineyard where souls are being won thro the means that our very efforts procured. And if this object of soul saving does not inspire the Christians to earnest labor and self denial, nothing will. Dear sisters, let us not only be content to do the little things, but rejoice that in our S. S. C. E. organization we have an opportunity to work for the Lord of hosts.

It is this same Lord who says, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," who also promises to supply our every need, and we are painfully conscious of the need of a church property here; therefore we are at work, applying for the "gold and silver" and claiming by faith a church building for the Brethren in the city of Washington. We know it is a prodigious work for us to undertake as yet, but we believe God loves to have us ask for the things which he alone can do.

We are having no special meetings at present but there is a revival spirit manifest at our regular meetings and those for whom we have long been praying, are at last yielding.

We are always so glad to read of the glorious conversions resulting from special meetings elsewhere, but sorry when they end, saying, "Our revival closed," for it can not close where we let the Spirit of God work, and may that be the whole year around.

Sunday afternoon we heard Edward Marsden of Alaska, orator and missionary, who addressed a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. His subject was "The gospel abroad and its triumphs" and no one listening to this converted and educated Indian, telling of the wonderful power of the gospel to so entirely change the habits of his brethren, can say that this kind of mission work does not deserve our serious attention.

May God's spirit be manifested in all we do, and do all in His name.

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WASHINGTON MISSION

The following pledges have been received for church property since my last report, viz :

Peter Pontius, Akron, Indiana,	\$1 00
Mrs. Emma Pontius, Akron, Indiana,	1 00
Abraham H. Cassel, Harleysville, Penna	10 00
Mrs. Sarah Keim, Gratis, O.	2 00

Fraternally,

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OUR CHICAGO LETTER

OUR PRAYER MEETING.

Tonight was our prayer meeting. It was raining and very disagreeable, but there were twenty-two out, and we had a good meeting. Our subject was Power. We had some reading on the subject, comments, songs and a good time. Some splendid points were brought out. We have a party who desires baptism but there is some opposition in the way, and it is a question as to who will win, looking at it from a strictly human point, but with God all things are possible, and we pray for victory. This is a big town with lots of good in it, and plenty of evil. The latter often wins, and it is essential that God's people be united against a common foe.

APPRECIATES THE MISSION

Some time ago I used my lantern in a scientific lecture at the Great Northern Hotel Parlor, a prominent man doing the talking. This week I had a little business with one of the men who also desired me to operate for him one night soon. At the previous lecture I showed our mission and spoke briefly of our work, and in conversation with the above gentleman our talk turned to mission work in cities. As I was about to go away he donated me fifty copies of his book for mission work. I accepted them and will endeavor to put twenty-five dollars in the work when sold. This is but a straw showing the interest men have in the cause of missions. But work is required to focus the interest.

RATHER NARROW MINDED

I was called on recently to pray with a sick and dying man. I visited him, took his confession and prayed with him. I was called in by friends of the family who were my friends. They told me that a preacher had been sent for the day before; he came to the house, found the man was not a member of his church, and he refused to pray for him. Narrow minded, does that express it? Think of a poor sinner, turning from his sins, and a preacher refusing to take him, because of such a reason. That is one trouble with the world, sanctified starch sacks, in place of cross bearing disciples.

A NICE PRAYER

During a visit among some friends last fall, I was delighted with the morning service. They gathered around the table, read from the Word; after a brief, earnest petition, the children with bowed heads repeated the following beautiful words:

Father we thank thee for the night,
And the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair,
Help us do the things we should,
Be to others kind and good,
And in our work or in our play,
To grow more like thee every day.

THE ROYAL BLUE

Think of those three words and you think of the old reliable B. & O. with its historic, picturesque and romantic scenery along the route. This was the first road I became ac-

quainted with over twenty years ago, many of its conductors and other helpers went out of my old home town of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and among the most genial of its officers are Mr. Pickens and Wells of the Chicago office. When you travel thro the city call on them; they will entertain you nobly. They know nothing of this notice, but I know a good road when I travel on it, and helpful men when I meet them. There is nothing Spanish about the B. & O.

A TURN IN THE TIDE

I baptized a young man last fall, a good talker, an earnest worker. His history I have and if read would be of great interest. Recently his father died and he was called home to inherit the estate left him. He now has the means to carry on the work and I have no doubt will use it to extend the Master's kingdom. I once visited a sister who was sick nigh unto death and told her it was a long lane that had no turn, and the lane for her had a turn to health. There are times when all things seem to work against us, but the turn comes and we go out into a large room where peace and success comes. We are all heirs of great riches and some day will get them.

RESCUE MISSION WORK

In a great city like this, lying in wickedness as it does, mission work must be done. A wider influence than that of simple church work must be done, indeed any church will fail if it does not do earnest, faithful mission work. An Episcopal church member said recently that they ought to be doing mission work. The fact is, true church work depends on mission work. The mission cause will feed the church, while doing church work we are also doing mission work, and on the North side there is a nucleus which if cared for and developed will result in some valuable material, but it must be handled properly and helped. It needs help and the result will be all that could be desired.

HOSPITAL WORK

This is a great work but then some people do not consider it good church work, but it is Christ work, and the mission has done good work in this direction. Sister Clara Shroyer has done good work here. Last Thursday there were six conversions and some requests for prayer. During the time the work has gone on here, there have been about one hundred conversions. This is rather an underestimate. Sister Shroyer has done good work here and deserves great credit for the great work she has done for which she seems to be well fitted. Sister Clara deserves practical recognition for her work; it is hard and peculiar but it has paid for time and will for eternity.

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Experience teaches us the lesson that earthly losses are remedies for covetousness, while increase in worldly goods rouses and provokes it.